Utilization of funds under Integrated Programme for older persons

1821. SHRI B.K. HAR1PRASAD: Will the Minsiter of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

whether the Integrated Programme for Older Persons is being implemented since 1992;

if so, whether significant share of budgetary provisions made for this scheme is hugely under-utilised;

whether during 2006-07, against a budgetary provision of Rs. 26.00 crore only Rs. 13.60 crore has been spent; and

the reasons for non-utilisation of large share of funds for such an important social welfare scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI J AGADEESAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is a demand driven scheme. Grant-in-aid is released to the Organizations subject to completion on certain formalities. During 2006-07, an amount of Rs. 12.53 crores was spent under this scheme. The main reasons for under-utilizaiton of funds is inadequate number of proposals and delayed receipt of recommendations from respective State/U.T. Governments.

Scheme for homeless persons

1822. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

the number of homeless people in the country, State-wise;

the schemes being run for their benefit; and

the financial allocations "made by the Central Government for them during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI J AGADEESAN): (a) As per Census 2001, the number of homeless in the country, State-wise is given in Statement *(See* below).

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) in the rural areas of all States/UTs (except Delhi & Chandigarh) under which financial assistance is provided to rural BPL household for construction of a house. The Central Allocation made under the scheme during the last three years is as under:

Year	Central Allocation (Rs. in Crore)
2005-06	2732.40
2006-07	2907.53
2007-08	4032.70